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Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has concluded that the addition of a new use on rutabaga to the product label of Aliette WDG Systemic Fungicide, containing technical grade fosetyl-aluminum, is acceptable. The specific use approved in Canada is detailed on the label of Aliette WDG Systemic Fungicide, *Pest Control Products Act* Registration Number 24458.

The evaluation of this fosetyl-aluminum application indicated that the end-use product has merit and value and that the human health and environmental risks associated with the new use are acceptable. Details regarding the registration can be found in the corresponding Evaluation Report available in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website, under Public Registry, Pesticide Product Information Database.¹

Before registering a pesticide for food use in Canada, the PMRA must determine the quantity of residues that are likely to remain in or on the food when the pesticide is used according to label directions and that such residues will not be a concern to human health. This quantity is then legally established as a maximum residue limit (MRL). An MRL applies to the identified raw agricultural food commodity as well as to any processed food product that contains it, except where separate MRLs are specified for the raw agricultural commodity and a processed product made from it.

Consultation on the proposed MRL for fosetyl-aluminum is being conducted via this document (see Next Steps).

To comply with Canada's international trade obligations, consultation on the proposed MRL is also being conducted internationally by notifying the World Trade Organization, as coordinated by the Standards Council of Canada.

The proposed MRL for fosetyl-aluminum in Canada in or on food, to be added to the MRLs already legally established, is as follows.

Table 1 Proposed Maximum Residue Limits for Fosetyl-aluminum

Common Name	Residue Definition	MRL (ppm)	Food Commodity
Fosetyl-aluminum	aluminum tris (<i>O</i> -ethylphosphonate)	15	Rutabaga roots

A complete list of all MRLs established in Canada can be found on the Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides webpage in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

¹ The relevant report can be accessed by selecting the Programs and Special Actions/Minor Use/Historical tab and opening the Evaluation Report found under Application Number 2008-5083.

International Situation and Trade Implications

Currently, an American tolerance has not been established for fosetyl-aluminum on rutabaga roots (tolerances listed in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations by pesticide) and Codex MRLs² have not been established for fosetyl-aluminum on any commodity. A listing of all established Codex MRLs is available on Pesticide Residues in Food website.

Next Steps

The PMRA invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed MRL for fosetyl-aluminum up to 75 days from the date of publication of this document. Please forward your comments to Publications. The PMRA will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposed MRL for fosetyl-aluminum and posting a corresponding Established Maximum Residue Limit (EMRL) document in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

² Codex is an international organization under the auspices of the United Nations that develops international food standards, including MRLs.



